



PARACHUTE GEAR ADVICE & INFORMATION SHEET



CONGRATULATIONS YOU ARE NOW A SKYDIVER!
THE FOLLOWING IS ADVICE & INFORMATION ON
PURCHASING SKYDIVING EQUIPMENT & GEAR "A-LICENCE HOLDERS"



There are many questions the beginner and novice skydiver should ask when looking for the right gear to suit their needs. The following information is to be used as a guide to assisting your Chief Instructor and yourself to get the best comfort and safety options from the start.

OPTION 1: SECOND HAND GEAR (SHG) VS NEW EQUIPMENT (NE):

Some people are sceptical when they hear the idea of purchasing second hand gear. It is a great way and sometime cheaper to purchase SHG vs NE and will get you going in the sport quickly. If you are purchasing SHG we advise not to purchasing anything over 5-7 years old as the sport evolves quickly. Reasonable SHG can ranges from approx \$3500 - \$6000 depending on age and condition.

New Gear can be a great way to start the sport (funds available). New is custom made to fit your body shape and you can select your colours and design as well. Manufactures all have lead times on new equipment of around 6 – 16 weeks depending on time of year and demand, however sometimes they may have NE in stock ready to go (off the shelf). New Equipments ranges from \$7000 - \$ 9,000 depending on exchange rates, design options, etc.

OPTION 2: SIZE & BRANDS: (GUIDE ONLY – CHIEF INSTRUCTOR CAN ADVICE MORE)

- Automatic Activation Device - CYPRESS
- Containers - Want it to be Freely friendly
- Main Parachutes - 170 sq ft – 220 sq ft (Square or Semi Elliptical) - **options**
- Spectre, Sabre, Sabre 2, Pilot, Triathlon, Safire 2 - **options**
- Reserve Parachute - Performance Design Reserve - **are popular**

SECOND HAND GEAR LOCATIONS:

- www.dropzone.com – Classifies – Complete Systems
- www.apf.asn.au – Second Hand Gear for Sale
- www.totalcontrol.com.au – Skydive Gear (Pre Owned)
- www.waycool.com.au – Skydive Gear (Pre Owned)

NOTE: Ian Matthews (CI) is a Rigger B. He will be able to advice on all gear purchases, sales, service, repairs and repacks. Speak to Ian regarding your purchase.

NEW EQUIPMENT:

Ian is a dealer for Cypress & many of the Manufactures – so look at what he has to offer

PERSONAL DETAILS:

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

WEIGHT & HEIGHT: _____

FREQUENCY OF JUMPING: _____

LEVEL OF INDIVIDUAL: _____

RECOMMENDED WING LOADING: up to 1.1 (pounds per sq ft) to start

RECOMMENDED SIZE: _____

NEW or SECOND HAND: _____

TIMEFRAME FOR YOUR SYSTEM: _____

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FROM THE PARACHUTE SCHOOL - BLUE SKIES – SAFE SKYDIVING + ENJOY!!!